

- the at least one external coil and at least one internal coil is described at col. 2, lines 20-22, col. 4, lines 44-45, and col. 5, lines 5-6; and

- an internal magnet attached to the implantable prosthesis, the internal magnet capable of aligning with an external magnetic field is described at col. 7, line 29 through col. 8, line 3 and col. 4, lines 53-58.

With regard to dependent claims 10-19:

- an external magnet attached to the external transmitter, wherein attractive forces between the internal magnet and the external magnet hold the external transmitter in place so as to permit a sufficient transmission quality between the external coil and the internal coil, as per claim 10 is described at col. 1, lines 33-39 and col. 3, lines 64-65;

- claim 11 is based on the language of claim 1, as issued;

- claim 12 is based on the language of claim 3, as issued;

- the at least one external coil includes a third and fourth coil ...” as per claim 13 is described at col. 5, lines 5-6 and claim 1, as issued;

- the third coil positioned outside of the fourth coil, the third coil and the fourth coil having identical areas is described at col. 5, lines 5-6 and claim 3, as issued;

- claims 15-17 are similar to the language of issued claims 2, 4, and 5, respectively;

- at least one internal magnet disposed within the implantable prosthesis, as per claim 18 is described at col. 7, line 29 through col. 8, line 3; and

- that the implantable prosthesis is a cochlear implant, as per claim 19 is described at col. 4, lines 53-58.

With regard to claim 20:

- attaching at least one external coil to the external transmitter and at least one internal coil to the implantable prosthesis is described at col. 2, lines 20-22, col. 4, lines 44-45, and col. 5, lines 5-6; and

- attaching an internal magnet to the implantable prosthesis, the internal magnet capable of aligning with an external magnetic field is described at col. 7, line 29 through col. 8, line 3 and col. 4, lines 53-58.

With regard to dependent claims 21 to 33:

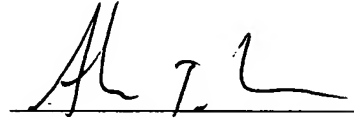
- attaching an external magnet to the external transmitter, as per claim 21 is described at col. 1, lines 33-39 and col. 3, lines 64-65;
- subcutaneously implanting the implantable prosthesis, as per claim 22 is described at col. 1, lines 18-20;
- aligning the external transmitter with the internal magnet such that the internal magnet holds the external transmitter in place, whereby a sufficient transmission quality between the at least one external coil and the at least one internal coil is obtained, as per claim 23 is described at col. 1, lines 33-35;
- attaching an external magnet to the external transmitter, wherein aligning the external transmitter with the internal magnet includes holding the external transmitter in place via attractive forces between the internal magnet and the external magnet, as per claim 24 is described at col. 1, lines 33-39 and col. 3, lines 64-65;
- claims 25 and 26 are similar to the language of issued claims 2 and 4, respectively;
- exposing the implantable prosthesis to an external magnetic field, wherein the internal magnet aligns with the external magnetic field, as per claim 27 is described at col. 7, line 28 to col. 8, lines 3;
- disposing the internal magnet within the implanted prosthesis, as per claim 28 is described at col. 7, line 29 through col. 8, line 3 .
- claim 29, 30, and 31 are similar to the language of issued claim 5, 1 and 3, respectively;
- wherein attaching the external coil includes providing a first coil and a second coil ...” as per claim 32 is described at col. 5, lines 5-6 and claim 1, as issued; and
- wherein providing the third coil and the fourth coil includes positioning the first coil outside a housing of the second coil, the first coil and second coil having identical areas, as per claim 33 is described at col. 5, lines 5-6 and claim 3, as issued.

All pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Consideration of the new claims and a notice of allowance are therefore requested. If any additional fees are required for the timely consideration of this application, please charge deposit account number 19-4972. The

Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned if any matters remain outstanding so that they may be resolved expeditiously.

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Respectfully submitted,

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